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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *da-j*

RE: Site Inspection, Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. (EFN), Far West Mine,
M/037/019, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 18, 1994

Time of Inspection: 1750 - 1821

Conditions: Hot, partly cloudy

Participants: Sal Venticinque, BLM Grand RA; Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos,
DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the revegetation/reclamation success at this site.

This site was reclaimed in 1992. There are boulders preventing vehicle access onto the reclaimed mine site. The county road ends at the boulders. The reclaimed access road was shallow ripped at final reclamation. The vegetation is coming in good in the ripped furrows. Power lines crossing the site are under a Right-of-Way with Utah Power; and, therefore, were not part of the reclamation responsibility of EFN. Overall vegetation success at this site would be described as "OK", but not great. The gray and red soils at the site seem to have a negative affect on vegetation. The crust on these soils may be part of the cause of poor revegetation success, or there may be a chemical or fertility problem. The backfilled/regraded portal appears stable. Photographs were taken to document the status of the site.

Division and BLM staff were in agreement with allowing partial surety release for this site. A portion of the surety covering site reseeding costs only will need to be retained by the Division. The Division will send a letter to EFNI regarding the partial surety release.

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cc: Roger Smith, EFN
Sal Venticinque, BLM Grand RA

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